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The Daily Commercial:

The Late Prize Fight--Heenan Whipped by King.

The telegraph this morning announces the arrival of the steamship Jura, at Portland, with the news of the prize fight between John C. Heenan and Thos. King, for a purse of ten thousand dollars. The report is that Heenan was defeated in twenty-four rounds, occupying thirty-five minutes, and that Heenan's shoulder was dislocated, which may have caused his defeat. These are all the particulars furnished.

The latest English papers received are full of the then approaching fight, and we subjoin a few extracts therefrom. The *Illustrated Sporting News*, says:

"We have seen both men at their training quarters, and can vouch for their good and healthy condition. As for King, he has been inhaling the breezes of the downs of Sussex. Jack Lawley, and Teddy Mills, the pedestrian, have long been doing all they know to get their favorite into proper condition; and Tom we were assured, can do his mileage to perfection. At Newmarket, we found the gallant American in the best health and spirits, congratulating himself that his preparation was alone worthy the great trial day of the ensuing week. He has worked arduously and happily at his private gymnasium, shooting the quarter of hundred weights, and wielding the Kehoe clubs just forwarded from New York. All this work is as regular as the clock strikes, and has added increased admiration to his former courteous and gentlemanly demeanor with the 'upperten thousand,' who are sure to flock in monster myriads to see his second performance on this side unwisely disturbed Yankeeland. That he is improved in science and generalship we have personal assurance, and will do his devoirs right gallantly on the forthcoming memorable day of battle. His brothers have been fraternising with him in Cambridgeshire, and a whole host of friends from America have visited him during the past fortnight to inspect his preparation. The betting is strictly six to four on Heenan. Fred. Oliver, the commissary of the ring, has ordered a new set of ropes and stakes to be made. The latter are painted blue, and have the Union Jack of Old England and the Stars and Stripes of America in full blazon near the top rings. The leading pugilists of the day will be in chosen array on tournament morning; and gentlemen may place implicit reliance that no ruffianism will be suffered."

The Glasgow correspondent says: "The 'big' fight between John C. Heenan and Tom King for the large sum of £2,000 is creating a tremendous sensation here, in every hotel, club, reading room, or place of public resort. The Irish division are perfectly wild about the coming mill, and declare that the Saxon must bend to the Celt, and so on. The betting here is very slow, the friends of Heenan not being willing to give more than five to four, while the friends of the 'Sailor Boy,' and they are not a few, stick out for six to four. Mr. T. P., who acted as honorable treasurer for the Sayers' Fund, is backing the 'Blue Anchor' favorite out and out, and says he can't lose, barring accidents." The Welshmen, according to the same authority, are betting odds on King, as much as twelve to four, having been offered and taken on him.

Bell's Life, also of the same date says all who wish to see the fight should be in town on Tuesday, Decemaer 8th, at latest. It then indulges in strong arguments in favor of orderly behavior, and gives advice in regard to the *modus operandi* of getting to the battle field. The ringkeepers were chosen as follows: "Billy Duncan, Nat. Langham, Geo. Brown, Harry Orme, Dan Collins, Alec Keene, Mike Madden, Jemmy Welsh, Joe Rowe, Harry Brunton, Bob Travers, Young Broome, Jack Rooke, Reardon, Gollagher, Clarke, of Liverpool, Job Cobley, Jem Dillon, Cocklin and Bob Webb. These men, or the majority of them, are to meet at our office on Tuesday morning, Dec. 8th, at eleven, to consider the best means for preserving order, and also to receive final instructions. Several other well known pugs have volunteered their assistance, upon whom we believe reliance may be placed. The following we quote *verbatim*:

As to the belligerents, we are assured we are fully justified in stating that both are well up to the mark. From each of their respective headquarters we have bulletins that never was either in better health. Heenan will be a trifle bigger than when he fought Sayers, and to all appearance is a far stronger man than on that occasion. King, too, is somewhat bigger than heretofore, but he is a man who never carries much flesh, and we should doubt whether he will much exceed 13 stone, while the Benicia Boy will be nearer 14 stone. Heenan is still the favorite, but anything over 5 to 4 is freely taken by the Kingites. Heenan will hold his levees at Owen Swift's, and King at Mr. Richardson's, but of course neither man will come to town till the last minute, and the peep the public will get at them will be of the briefest. In conclusion, we have to remind the ring keepers and all concerned that our eye will be upon them, and that every failure to carry out our wishes, and those of the patrons of the P. R., will be duly recorded, and each man will have himself alone to thank for the consequences. A fair fight is wanted, and a fair fight we must have, or English pugilists must at once and forever abandon their claim to credit as the exponents of fair play." Bully for Bell!

The *Era*, which is usually dumb on fistic matters, has, like Balaam's Ass, opened its mouth and spoken. Read what it says:

These gigantic heroes (King and Heenan) of the P. R., fight their great battle for £1,000 a side some day next week—probably Wednesday, Dec. 9th, and the interest the match has excited falls little short of that created by the international fight between Heenan and the renowned Tom Sayers. Strong doubts may be entertained as to whether it will be brought off without the interference of the police, but those who have undertaken the management express themselves very confident in this respect, and we trust, as both the combatants are manly and courageous fellows, and in point of respectability above the ordinary standard of those who profess themselves prizefighters, that they may contest their battle without interruption. It is said that arrangements have been entered into to prevent gentlemen who may want to see the mill undergoing the customary ramping from the roughs, and we trust that this also may be the case. The current betting is still six to four on Heenan, and in many instances seven to four has been laid to money during the week, and the fact of the Yankee being such a strong favorite may be accounted for by the number of sporting gentlemen who have connected themselves with him. He is reported to be very confident, but it must be remembered that he is older than he was when he fought last, and his hands are said to have been permanently injured or weakened. In point of science, as well as in height and weight, there can be little to choose between them. King has always shown himself a good two-handed fighter, and he is backed by parties who do not throw their money away—in fact, they generally pull off, by some means or other, what they attempt. King is the only man of late years who has made a really good fight with Mace, acknowledged to be the most scientific man that ever stepped within the ropes, and, under the circumstances, we think the odds offered against "the bold Sailor Boy" well worth taking, as he has youth on his side. It will doubtless be a slashing fight, and probably be a short one, and both King and Heenan are capable of administering a great amount of punishment."

"What is the reason that men never kiss each other, while the ladies waste a world of kisses on feminine faces," said the Captain to Gussie, the other day, up at Normal. Gussie cogitated a minute and then answered, "because the men have something better to kiss, and the women haven't." The Captain "saw it" immediately.

The Deacon's Prayer.—"O, Lord, we pray for our poor brother, who has lived for more than ten years on the Lord's side-*er*, (cider), and has one foot in the grav-*er*, and the other all but-*er*.

The Government Plantations near New Orleans---Free versus Slave Labor---What has been Accomplished.

[From the New Orleans Era, Dec. 3.]

Aside from the great military operations of the day, nothing is attracting the attention and absorbing the interest of the country to such an extent as the Free Labor vs. Slave Labor movement, as applied to the cultivation of the abandoned and confiscated plantations of the South. As the question is being tested on a much larger scale in Louisiana than in any other State, the people naturally turn their eyes in this direction as being the locality from whence a decision favorable or unfavorable in the matter will emanate. This being the case, everything tending to enlighten them in regard to its success or failure is at once seized upon and read with the greatest interest.

But a few days since a commission arrived here from the North, especially delegated by the Treasury Department, to inspect the Government plantations and the workings of the free labor system, and to report upon the results both accomplished and prospective. In pursuance of this design, at an early hour on Tuesday morning these gentlemen embarked on board one of the Government river transports, and started down the river for the purpose of examining into the condition of those plantations below the city.

The party was composed of the following persons: Hon. John Hutchins, Mr. J. B. Tucker, Rev. E. V. Price and Mr. S. H. Kaufmann, all of whom are connected with the Treasury Department, and Capt. S. W. Cozzens, Superintendent of the Government Plantations.

THE PLANTATIONS.

The first visit was paid to the Point Celeste plantation, which is worked entirely in the interest of the Government, by an agent, Geo. D. Britton, who was appointed to the position by Captain Cozzens. Mr. Britton informs us that with about 130 hands, a majority of whom are women, he will be enabled to make 200 hhds of sugar and 200 barrels of molasses, from about 24 acres of land, and from 120 acres of land he will pick about 100 bales of cotton. Mr. Britton has but the experience of one year on a plantation, has had to contend against unfavorable weather and with an insufficiency of labor, and these things taken into consideration, it must be acknowledged that the experiment promises well for the future. The Point Celeste plantation was formerly the property of Thomas McManus, who deserted the place at the time the United States fleet passed the forts, and is now supposed to be living on a plantation he owns on Yazoo river.

The Oakland plantation, the next one stopped at, was owned before the war by a man named Brown, of whose antecedents nothing could be ascertained. Unlike the Point Celeste, this plantation is leased by Government to parties who work it on their own account. From Mr. J. M. Desloud, the overseer, we learn that the yield of sugar will reach 450 hhds, and of molasses about 500 bbls, although there is not so much land under cultivation as formerly, and the same drawbacks mentioned above had to be contended against. We were shown a specimen of open kettle sugar, which had just been made, that equaled in quality any we ever beheld. The experiment of raising sea island cotton is also being tried on the Oakland plantation, and from present appearances will, it is thought, prove a decided success.

The Star Plantation was once the property of Dr. P. A. Boyland, now a surgeon in the rebel army, but is at present worked by Mr. O. A. Weed, on conditions similar to those on which the Oakland is conducted. With but forty working hands, 170 acres of ground has been planted in cane, from which 120 hogsheads of sugar will be made; and 57 acres of land has been planted in cotton, from which 30 bales of excellent cotton will be picked.

The Sarah plantation is carried on similar to the Point Celeste, Mr. J. M. Silvant, the overseer, being engaged by Captain Cozzens to attend to the place. On this plantation about 200 acres are in cane, 60 of which will be left for seed. From the balance 150 hogsheads of sugar will be made—a hogshead to the acre. The former proprietor answered to the name of Smith, but further than that he is a very bitter rebel, we could learn nothing of him.

The Fairview and Belle Air plantations are the property of a loyal lady, and are carried on by her, but under the free labor system. A large proportion of the negroes at work on these plantations were formerly on the place as slaves, but are now regularly hired laborers. The sugar that is now being made by these hands is of the first quality, and the yield is very fair. Some cotton of superior quality is also being ginned on the Belle Air plantation.

THE PROSPECT FOR THE FUTURE.

No one can visit these plantations and see the results that have already been accomplished without being convinced that the working of plantations under the free labor system is a success. With an insufficiency of labor, superintended, in most instances, by men of but little experience, and with a season by no means favorable for the trial, the system has been *made to pay*; and with these difficulties overcome, as they certainly will be, no reasonable person can doubt but that free labor will, in time, prove superior to that system which will soon exist no more in the land. The gentlemen having immediate control of the negroes are convinced that if they are given the incentive of pay for their labor—if they paid every one or two months they will work more cheerfully, and perform a greater amount than ever before. This can be done by giving them so much per pound for picking cotton, or paying them a stated sum per diem, and deductions from their wages must be made for all time they do not work. This plan will tend to create a competition among them, and the desire to make money will accomplish the rest.

The following is an estimate made by one of the party, who has given the subject great attention: One hand and two mules will cultivate twelve acres—four of corn and eight of cane. Calculating at one hogshead of sugar and one barrel of molasses to the acre, this will give at fair prices, about $800. The corn raised will more than furnish the hands with meal and feed the mules. The pay of the negro will amount to about $120; the cost of feeding and clothing him, and his share of the expense of keeping the plantation in repair, taking off the crop, &c., will amount to $250 more, say $400 in all, and a surplus of $400 remains. And this is placing a low estimate on the yield per acre, for in good seasons one and a half and two hogsheads are frequently made. About the same results are arrived at if the calculation be based upon cotton crops.

NEW YORK, December 23, 1863.

A special to the *Tribune* dated Washington, 22d, says a paragraph ostensibly telegraphed from Fortress Monroe, purporting to give extracts from Richmond papers of the 17th, with regard to the disabling of the Ironsides and two Monitors, never came over the wires from Fortress Monroe, nor has any Richmond papers of the 17th been received there. Gen. Butler telegraphs to-night, adding that he believes the whole story to be a canard. Cincinnati and Philadelphia telegrams about Longstreet are also pronounced to be inventions.

Specials to the *Times* from Washington of the 22d says: The House Committee of Ways and Means to-day finished the naval appropriation bill, with very little reduction from the estimates made. The Committee determined not to meet again until after the holidays, when they will take up the recommendation of the Treasury, financial and other bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Veteran regiments in the Army of the Potomac are to receive their bounty money immediately. The first installment will amount to about $250,00 per man. The number of men from the Army of the Potomac who have re-enlisted for the war is over 10,000.

The sentiments of the Senators respecting the $300 clause, is wholly changed. They will strike out the exemption clause and not insert any amount in its place. The feeling generally is that the army must be filled up and the war vigorously prosecuted to an end.

Senator Wilson will soon introduce a bill providing for the enlistment of soldiers in the rebellious States, persons so enlisting, to enter any regiment now in the field, from any loyal State they may select. The desire is to get them into veteran regiments and at the same time to enlarge the field from which loyal States can draw troops.

A CORRESPONDENT says any clever young artist, who may desire to rival Hogarth's series of pictures known as "The Rake's Progress," will do well to depict "Life in Washington."

THE INTERNATIOMAL PRIZE FIGHT.

HEENAN WHIPPED BY KING.

Twenty-Five Rounds Fought.

[illegible] Shoulder Dislocated.

[illegible] steamship Jura, [illegible] advices down to the 10th inst., arrived here this morning.

She brings the news of the great international fight between Heenan and King, which took place on the morning of the 10th, at Tunbridge. King won the fight in twenty-five rounds, lasting thirty-one minutes.

The London *Times* says but little science was displayed on either side. Heenan's game throughout seemed to be to close and hug on so as to crush his antagonist at once, by dashing him violently to the ground. King's tactics were different and more creditable. It is rumored that Heenan's shoulder was broken.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

The fight took place this morning near Tunbridge. King was victorious. It is reported that twenty-five rounds were fought in thirty-five minutes. No details are given, but it is rumored that Heenan's shoulder was broken.

[BY THE INLAND TELEGRAPH LINE.]

PHILADELPHIA.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.

Later from the Southwest.

Advices from New Orleans of a later date than the Boston letter which stated that Ullman and a portion of his brigade captured, say nothing of such affair having occurred. It is undoubtedly a canard.

Important Order Issued.

The Government has issued an important order in regard to vessels and crews, or passengers, sailing from the harbor of New York. Armed vessels are now stationed at Sandy Hook and in Long Island Sound, for the purpose of examining all that pass. No person can leave for any foreign port without a passport.

Anticipated Distinguished Arrivals.

Two prominent men are expected here to-day—Secretary Chase and Governor Curtin. A.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

Intercepted Correspondence.

The Navy Department has just published important intercepted correspondence, found on the blockade runner Ceres, driven ashore at Wilmington, and set on fire by the rebels, but floated off during the storm, and was secured by our fleet before she was burned. A boat's crew from one of our ships took her, and secured the baggage of Col. Lamar, general rebel agent in Europe for the purchase of vessels and war material. Several interesting and important points were disclosed; among them, that arrangements were making to purchase the prize steamers R. E. Lee and Margaret and Jesse, with the intention of employing them in running the blockade; and that the Wilmington blockade is disastrous to rebel hopes. A letter from W. P. Campbell, of Bermuda, under date of December 2d, asserts that the only boats that came on from Wilmington this month were the Flora and Gibraltar. J. N. Maffit, also formerly of the U. S. navy, in a letter dated 19th of October, says the news from the blockade runners is decidedly bad. Six of the best boats have recently been caught, among them the Advance and Eugene. Nothing has entered Wilmington for one month.

There are also several letters asserting that the French Emperor consents to and patronizes the Matamoras blockade running. Further disclosures are made which are said to implicate certain parties in New York in the business of furnishing aid and comfort to the rebels.

A Canard.

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Return of Adjutant General Thomas.

Adjutant General Thomas has returned from the West. He says there are now thirty thousand colored soldiers in the field, and more than fifty thousand colored women and children earning for themselves. H.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—SENATE.—Mr. Cowan presented a petition from Connecticut in favor of the exemption of clergymen from the draft.

Mr. Sumner gave notice of a bill for the revision and codefication of the United States.

Mr. Pomeroy gave notice of a bill relative to assumption of indebtedness of Kansas.

Mr. Anthony made a motion that a select committee of nine members on the Pacific Railroad be appointed. Agreed to.

Mr. Howe submitted a joint resolution for the relief of the State of Wisconsin.

From Arkansas.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—The *Democrat's* Ft. Smith special correspondent, under date of the 22d, says that the rebel force which crossed the Arkansas river, going northward, was under Standwait, Adair and Quantrell. Capt. Spillman, with a portion of Indiana troops, encountered them at Barren Fork, in the Cherokee country, and fought them four hours, routing them. The rebel loss is about seventy. They fled in all directions, but the remnants doubtless will re-organise. It is suspected that their design is to concentrate on the Kansas border. All quiet in front.

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Negro Soldiers.

The House of Representatives, at Washington, on Monday last, passed a bill appropriating $20,000,000 for bounties and advance pay to volunteers. While this bill was pending, Mr. HARDING, of Kentucky, offered an amendment, prohibiting the payment of any part of this for the raising, arming and equipping of negro soldiers. Only forty-one names were got for this amendment, including eight Democrats from Pennsylvania. BAILEY, of the Perry district, voted against it, and three dodged. If this is a fair test of the House, only one-fifth of the members of Congress are willing to prohibit the negro from taking part in this war. The others are willing to employ and pay the negro troops which may enlist to put down this rebellion. Even FERNANDO WOOD deserted his copperhead colleagues, and voted against this amendment. Judging from the run of this vote, we should think the present Congress would not be likely to repeal the acts of the last one authorizing the use of negro soldiers in this war. Unless the Democracy can be more united in the future than in the past, the opposition at Washington will not be formidable enough to make congressional proceedings interesting.

The European Congress.

The correspondence between the French and English Cabinets on the proposed European Congress has been published, and shows some curious things. LOUIS NAPOLEON'S original letter to Queen VICTORIA is an autograph, to which she exercises her sex's prerogative of answering through her Foreign Secretary.

This formal reply asks for further information of the subjects to be discussed at the proposed Congress. The French answer is received—excessively modest. The French Emperor, the youngest of sovereigns, ought not to obtrude his opinions on sovereigns of a thousand generations. Up to this time, a week or ten days has always intervened commensurate with the grave importance of the subject.

But Lord RUSSELL'S last answer, by far the keenest and ablest of the whole, is dated only two days after the French Emperor's, although this last was written in France, and must have taken twenty-four hours to reach Lord RUSSELL.

There cannot be a doubt that this latter was composed and all ready for signature on the receipt of the French Missive. It is courteous, but it annihilates the programme of a Congress of Sovereigns.

The question now is, what will LOUIS NAPOLEON do. He has evidently got the worst of it this time. He may resolve on sustaining Poland, or in swallowing up Mexico, including the chance of a brush with the United States.

It is not probable that he will be quiet, although he professes so much modesty. Young as he is, like so many other youngsters he is spoiling for a fight. He may challenge England, Russia, or the United States. They are the only first class powers worthy of entering the ring with LOUIS NAPOLEON. We do not exactly know in ring parlance which one of the three he recognises as holding the belt. If he thinks that Young America is a foeman worthy of his steel very likely he will annex Mexico and knock the chip off brother JONATHAN'S shoulders. Just now a fight seems a necessity for the French Emperor, and whim or accident may determine who shall be challenged,

Status of the Negro Slave.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, who undoubtedly represents the extreme ultra sentiment on the negro question, has been delivering a lecture finding fault with President LINCOLN'S emancipation policy. Now, we do not pretend to say that the identical plan of Mr. LINCOLN is the best and wisest that can be adopted. The status of the negro slave effected by the proclamation, and the treatment of the seceded States, are questions so tremendous in their bearing, that we think a large latitude of opinion should be tolerated in the discussion of them. We find no fault with Mr. PHILLIPS for throwing his before the public, and we think all that President LINCOLN expects is a fair investigation of the merits of his own plan. It strikes us, however, that the great objection of Mr. P. to the President's plan applies equally to all other plans. This objection is, that it leaves the negro, so far as the Federal power is concerned, in the hands of the Supreme Court; or, as otherwise stated, to the tender mercies of ROGER B. TANEY.

We beg leave to say that, so far as Chief Justice TANEY is concerned, he is now some eighty-six years of age, and before a case can go through all the forms of procedure to reach the Supreme Court, the chance of the Chief Justice being then alive is only one out of one hundred.

So far, however, as leaving the negro in in the hands of the Supreme Court, the Constitution has done that beyond our control. We hope before that question reaches its final decision, that the Court will be so organized as to recognise the cardinal principles of humanity as underlying the Constitution. But whether this is so or not, we are still willing to submit. We do this because it is a part of the national compact that we should do so. We submitted to all that was decided in the DRED SCOTT case. It was only to certain things not in the case—and therefore on which the Supreme Court had no right to decide—that the Republican party objected. Even if the Chief Justice should live and the Court should decide against our views, we would fight on, and hope for better luck next time.

Now, so far as Mr. PHILLIPS and his ultras refuse to submit to the Supreme Court, we differ from them. His own plan, and all plans that have been, or may hereafter be proposed in Congress, may come up in the Supreme Court for final adjudication. Some final arbiter must be had, and the Constitution fixes the Supreme Court. If that tribunal decides wrongly to any, we still have faith that reason and justice will finally prevail.

This question of slavery is undoubtedly the cause of the present rebellion; and we earnestly hope to see its overthrow as one of the fruits of this war, forced upon us to extend and perpetuate it. But slavery is only an incidental question, not, on our part, the cause of the war. The question of abolition has nothing whatever to do with the question of loyalty. A proslavery man *may* be loyal, while many antislavery men are certainly and conspicuously disloyal. That man is loyal who is for sustaining the Government, crushing the rebellion, and preserving the Union, *without regard to slavery*. If slavery stands in the way of this result, he is for destroying it; if it gets out of the way he will not abandon the Union for the sake of destroying slavery. This is the only line of distinction that can be drawn.

It is quite time that Mr. PHILLIPS and every body else, North and South, whatever may be their opinions on the subject of Slavery, should understand that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and that by its provisions the Supreme Court is the highest judicial tribunal of the nation. All laws passed by Congress, and all proclamations issued by the President, must abide by its judgment. Every citizen, every inhabitant, black or white, must hold his rights subject to its decisions. And there is nothing in his nature, position, or relations to the Government which can make the negro an exception to this necessity.

PHILADELPHIA.

Snow—The Holidays on a New Market—Bishop Simpson—The White Slaves—Expected Reception of Veterans, etc.

Special Correspondence of the Commercial.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.

As I stated last night that we anticipated snow before another day, it may be well enough to say that it came, but in small quantities. This morning the ground was just whitened over, which is the first snow worth mentioning which we have yet had. The air has been raw all day and the sun obscured, so we may safely calculate on an additional supply within a very short time. We ought to have about two or three inches to usher in Christmas with, at any rate.

The markets are open to-night and well filled with purchasers of turkeys, ducks, quail, and the various varieties of the season, while the sidewalks adjacent are blockaded with Christmas greens and shrubbery of a character so extensively used for holiday decorations. Our Twelfth street market is famous for its attractions at this season, and perhaps it will be ahead of itself this year. The popularity of this market, together with the profits made by stall holders in it, has tempted some speculators to buy up the row of houses on Twelfth street, from Market to Filbert, on the east side, and laborers are now demolishing the buildings, preparatory to the erection of another large market-house there. Opposition is the life of trade.

Bishop Simpson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has recently taken up his abode with us, and yesterday afternoon the various Ministers of that denomination in the city, met at the Hedding M. E. Church, and in a body called upon him at his private residence; at the same time presenting him with a series of resolutions expressive of their pleasure at having himself and family among them. The Bishop received them with the dignity due to his position, and expressed his gratification at the pleasant ceremony in which he was a participant. Bishop Simpson has a magnificent residence in which to sojourn, and furnished in comparison with its external aspect. What is more, he is worthy of it.

The meeting at Concert Hall last night for the benefit of Free Schools in Louisiana was not a great success. The "white slaves" were there, but somehow the affair seemed to be neglected by the "influential," and so it was carried out by several young officers of colored regiments and others, who done the best thing they could, but that, unfortunately, was not much. Unless some of our prominent people step out in these matters, not much can be expected.

Great preparations are being made for the reception of the 29th Pennsylvania Volunteers, who were expected here today; but it is now said will not arrive until to-morrow. The route of procession has all been marked out, and if the Frigid Zone, icebergs and all, don't move down here by that time, it is safe to presume that there will be something of a gathering to greet these veterans. At the Crown street Hospital the turkeys and venison are already stacked up for them, and it will be a sight worth traveling a hundred miles for to see them partaking of our bounties. What a glorious time there would have been had the authorities at Washington seen fit to have sent the "Reserves" home to recruit their thinned ranks, as Governor Curtin proposed. I cannot help thinking that Mr. Stanton missed it in refusing that privilege to them; they would have created so much enthusiasm, and promoted enlistments beyond any other means at our command. Since the bounties have been raised, enlistments are going on at a favorable rate, but not as much so as would be desirable. Last week there were 176 mustered in, which, after all, is not much of an advancement considering our proximity to the next draft.

The news of the capture of Gen. Ullman and a portion of his negro brigade, near Port Hudson, and the rebel statement that the Ironsides and two or three monitors had got into difficulty in Charleston, gives us the most food for interesting gossip of anything we have had for some time past. Of course, there is no one who believes that the Ironsides would be "abandoned" under any circumstances, when there was powder enough left on board to blow her up. There is no doubt, however, that the rebels were terribly frightened when those iron clads steamed up the "Main Ship Channel," and whether they saw fit to stop at the command of Admiral Dahlgren, or by the power of rebel obstructions, remains yet to be seen. I opine that when we hear the truth of the matter, it will be that they steamed up a ways to ascertain the condition of things after the late storm, and then act according to "Gunter"—that is, if safe to proceed further, why, do so, and if not, then return. They probably leisurely returned, and this will be the sequel when we get the truth.

The New York *Herald* has been blowing bugle blasts for Grant the last couple of weeks—loving editorials, or nearly so, closing with an eulogy to that General. Strange to say, although the hero of Vicksburg, Shiloh, Lookout Mountain, etc., is so popular with the country at large, I notice that no other newspaper, of any influence, re-echoes the *Herald's* cry. This shows that there is a deep feeling that underlies the strata of public sentiment at this time; and moreover, that the argus eye of the people is looking for something more than mere momentary or superficial prominence.

WASHINGTON.

Time for Volunteering under the Increased Bounties to be Extended—Veterans may Re-enlist in any Regiment—The Enrollment Act to be made Perfect—Senator Bayard, etc.

Special Correspondence of the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.

As intimated in my last letter, the proceedings of the Senate to-day tend to show that they are disposed to extend every encouragement to volunteering for a time sufficient to enable each State to fill its quota under the present call. The Senate Military Committee to-day presented a bill to cease paying the present liberal bounty on January 5, looking then to the enforcement of the draft to make up the deficiency. This was debated in a spirit of candor and liberality, and in view of the generous response of volunteers thus far under the preseut extraordinary inducements offered by the Government, it was so amended as to extend this privilege until the 2d day of February next. This is a most magnanimous measure, and there is no doubt, if proper efforts are made by State and local authorities, the whole quota can be raised before that time.

Just think of it—the United States propose to pay the veteran $400, and the new recruit $300 bounty, and cannot the State and local authorities raise it to $500, if necessary, to avoid a draft? Then another very important amendment was passed by the Senate to-day in regard to the re-enlistment of veterans, which, instead of requiring them to remain in their old regiments, allows them to choose in what regiment or branch of the service they will re-enlist. This is a most excellent provision, and it will give the men the privilege of choosing under what officers they will serve; if their old officers are worthy of their confidence they will stand by them, if not, let the officers go by default, but save the men to the service; it is easier to make officers than to get good men.

The country will surely thank this Congress for the very liberal and patriotic efforts they are now putting forth in the very beginning of their session to put down this rebellion in the shortest time, and in a way that shall be most acceptable to the people. It is well to bear in mind that by the 2d of February, the enrollment act will be so perfected in all its details that there will be no delay in bringing into service as many *men* as the draft calls for. This extraordinary inducement is extended for the two-fold purpose of giving ample time to fill the quota of each State by volunteering, and to give time to Congress to fully mature and perfect the enrollment act. I am, of course, presuming that the House will concur in the bill now before the Senate, which will no doubt be done before the adjournment for the holidays.

Poor Senator Bayard is to be pitied—that "oath" which other Senators have no conscientious scruples about taking, troubles his tender conscience very much. It haunts him in his dreams and at the festive board; like Banquo's ghost, "'twill not away," but points the finger to perjury or expulsion from the Senate. The question would have been disposed of to-day, but he begged for more time, hoping to have it postponed indefinitely, but he was notified that to-morrow it would be pressed to a vote. Poor Bayard, with Mr. Jeff. D. he can exclaim, O, "that hated oath."

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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

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WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

Adjournment of Congress.

After a very brief session, Congress adjourned to-day until Tuesday, 5th of January. Nothing of special interest accomplished.

Senator Hale's Bill.

Senator Hale introduced to-day the following bill.—That no member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States shall, during his continuance in office, hereafter appear or act as counsel, attorney or agent in any cause or proceeding, civil or criminal, military or naval, or before any commission in which the United States are a party, or directly or indirectly interested, or receive any compensation of any kind directly or indirectly, for services of any description rendered by himself or another in relation to any such cause or proceeding; and no member of the Senate or House of Representatives shall, during his continuance in office, receive, or agree to receive any compensation whatever, directly or indirectly, for any services rendered to any person or persons, either by himself or another, in relation to any proceeding, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest or other matter or thing in which the United States are a party, or directly or indirectly interested before any department, bureau, officer, or any civil, military, or naval commission whatever; and any person offending against any provision of this act, shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine not less than —— dollars, and by imprisonment for a term not less than —— years, and shall be forever thereafter incapable of holding any office of honor, trust or profit under the Government of the United States.

Committee on Bankrupt Law.

Spaulding, of Ohio; Kelly, of Pennsylvania; Cravens, of Indiana; Hooper, of Massachusetts; Morrison, of Illinois: Thomas, of Maryland, Jenkes, of Rhode Island, and Chandler, of New York, are the special House Committee on Bankrupt law.

Fernando Wood turned Coat.

Fernando Wood seems to have gone over entirely to the war Democrats. He stated in the House that he was entirely in favor of the Conscription act, and all amendments to it which consolidated the classes.

Dismissed the Service.

The following Pennsylvania officers have just been dismissed the service: Capt. Wm. Reitzel, 2d Penn. Reserves, for absence without proper authority, misbehavior in presence of the enemy, and violation of General Orders No. 90, by visiting improper places of amusement while under medical treatment, Capt. Geo. A. Yeager, 50th Penn. Vols., for conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, breach of arrest, and absence without leave; Capt. M. W. Oliver, 145th Penn. Vols.; Surgeon P. A. Quinan, 150th Penn. Vols., for absence without proper authority; Capt. Daniel Hankle, 110th Penn. Vols., for absence without leave.

Reported Injury of the Ironsides and Two Monitors Untrue.

Major General Butler has telegraphed here that nothing is known at Fortress Monroe of the alleged publication in a Richmond paper of injury and danger to the Ironsides and one or two other ironclads, in Charleston harbor, which said story was made the basis of heavy speculations in Wall street yesterday. The story was doubtless manufactured only to that end.

Purchase of Vessels for Mexico.

The report published this morning, to the effect that Mexican officers have come to the United States with a commission for purchasing and fitting out letters of marque, to prey upon French commerce, and have succeeded in the object of their mission, has no truth in it.

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CINCINNATI.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.

All quiet at points South and West.

Gen. Scammon Occupies Lewisburg.

The *Commercial* publishes a letter from West Virginia, stating that Gen. Scammon occupied Lewisburg on the 12th, and still holds it. This is considered as a preliminary to an important movement affecting Longstreet's communications.

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McDONNELL—On Wednesday morning, at 1 o'clock, JAMES McDONNELL, of Chartiers Creek, aged 75 years.

DINSMORE—On Wednesday, Dec. 23, JAMES DINSMORE, a native of the county Antrim, Ireland, in the 87th year of his age.

TOWNSEND—On Wednesday morning, Dec. 23d, at 1½ o'clock, ANNA MARGARET TOWNSEND, aged 2 years 10 months and 5 days.

HILLERMAN—On Dec. 20th, at Malvern, O., HANNAH HILLERMAN, mother of J. H. Hillerman, in the 79th year of her age.

CLARK—At the Mansion House, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22d, 1863, at 10½ o'clock, CHARLIE LINTON, only son of John H. and Sue P. Clark, aged 2 years, 4 months and 24 days.

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NE. RUM.—50 barrels on hand and for sale by MILLER & McKINSON.

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OIL FLAT CAUGHT.—Caught adrift at Saw Mill Run, on Monday last, an OIL FLAT, ninety-one feet long by eighteen wide. The owner will please come forward, identify his property, pay charges and take it away, otherwise it will be sold.
THOS. JONES,
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LACE TRIMMED SETTS:
Lace Handkerchiefs;
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Shell Combs, Ivory Ball Combs;
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Shirts and Drawers;
Kid Gloves, Fur Gloves,
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Stockings and Shaker Socks;
Head Dresses and Sash Ribbons;
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Well filled with Seasonable goods, at
LOWEST PRICES.
JOS. HORNE & CO.,
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MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

WAMELINK & BARR'S Piano Rooms are now open, and are respectfully invite our friends and the public generally to call and examine for themselves.

OUR SPLENDID STOCK
OF
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HARMONIUMS, MELODEONS, ETC.,

Which we have just received from the most popular manufacturers in the East, comprising the celebrated

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Schomacker & Co.,
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Those desiring to purchase a good instrument, fully equal, if not superior to any offered for sale elsewhere, and at a reasonable price, would do well to call at

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"We have examined, with much care, Mr. William B. Bradbury's NEW SCALE PIANO FORTES, and it is our opinion that, in power, purity, richness, equality of tone, and thorough workmanship, Mr. Bradbury's instruments EXCEL.

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Charles Fradel,	Gustav R. Eckhardt,
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New York, July 12, 1863.

MESSRS. SCHOMACKER & CO.,

Have numerous letters of recommendations from distinguished amateurs—the President of the United States, Governors of States, etc., who have purchased their Pianos. Their instruments received a Gold Medal at the Crystal Palace Fair, London. de24:2t

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ON HAND AND FOR SALE THE following varieties of GRAPES:
HERBEMONT,
DIANA,
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CLOAKS,	BALMORALS,
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Handsome CLOAKS, selling cheap;
Do. SWAWLS. do.;
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Do. EMPRESS, do.;
Embroider'd HANDKERCHIEFS;
Do. SETTS;
Do. COLLARS;
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Just received. A full assortment on hands. Call and see. No trouble to show goods.
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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE for city property in Allegheny or Pittsburgh, a Farm of one hundred acres, adjoining the village of Georgetown, Pennsylvania, thirty-three miles from Pittsburgh, by the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad or Ohio River. The Farm is

Prime River Bottom Land.

Eighty acres cleared and fenced with posts and boards; a good stone house, and a good bearing orchard; a good saw-mill, capable of doing a large business.

Also, a fine new house, with one acre of ground, in said village; with an abundance of fruit thereon, and every convenience of out buildings that could be desired. For particulars apply to Capt. W. EVANS, Commercial office, or on the premises to
dec14-tf J. T. STOCKDALE.

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Jumbia Engine [illegible]
derson streets, No. [illegible]
from 4 to 7 o'clock, [illegible]
nomination persons to be voted for at the ensuing election. de24:1t

EXELSIOR INSTITUTE.—The Sixth Session will commence on MONDAY, January 4th, 1864, and continue twelve weeks, closing FRIDAY, March 25th. For terms, &c., call at the Institute, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, or address,
de23:1w Rev. W. S. GRAY, Principal.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
LATE PITTSBURGH TRUST CO.,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 22, 1863.
AN ELECTION FOR NINE DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held on the second TUESDAY, 12th of January next, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
de23:td JOHN [illegible]

AND
POLICE MAGISTRATE,
No. 77 THIRD street,
PITTSBURGH, PA.
Deeds, Bonds, Mortgages, Indentures, [illegible] and Articles of Agreement [illegible]

OFFICE MONONGAHELA SAVING BANK,
Pittsburgh, December 21, 1863.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders for an election for a PRESIDENT and SIX DIRECTORS of this Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at its office, No. 69 GRANT street, on MONDAY, January 4th, 1864, between the hours of 3 P. M. and 6 P. M.
A. S. NICHOLSON,
de22:2w Secretary.

CORONER.—JOHN McCLUNG, of the First Ward, Allegheny, will be a candidate for Coroner of Allegheny County, subject to the decision of the ensuing County Union Convention. de15:tc

THE GERMAN
UNION LEAGUE
Meets every TUESDAY EVENING at
RAWIE'S HALL,
261 Ohio street,
de16:tf ALLEGHENY CITY.

PITTSBURGH, December 17, 1863.
PITTSBURGH BRIDGE CO.—The stockholders in said Company are hereby notified to meet and organize said Company at HARE'S HOTEL, LIBERTY Street, Pittsburgh, on the FIRST MONDAY of JANUARY, 1864, between the hours of TWO and FOUR o'clock P. M. of said day, and choose, by ballot, by a majority of the stock, then and there voted, one President and six Directors, one Treasurer and such other officers as they may think necessary to conduct the business of the Company until the next regular election.

James Woods,	Christian Zug,
M. B. Brown,	Robert Woods,
John F. Singer,	Elijah Heath,
James S. Craft,	E. J. Brooke,
Samuel Hartman,	S. A. Long,
Benj. A. Mevay,	Clarence Shaler,
Alex. McKee,	Rody Patterson,
Robert Sterrett,	James Trunick,
Isaac Walker,	G. Y. Coulter,
Moses Chess,	Thomas Steele,

de19:td Commissioners.

CITIZEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH. Office, corner Market and Water streets, second floor.
WM. BAGALEY, President.
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Insures Steamboats and Cargoes.
Insures against loss and damage in the navigation of the Southern and Western Rivers, Lakes and Bayous, and the navigation of the Sea.
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B. F. JONES,	S. HARBAUGH,
REESE OWENS,	J. CALDWELL, Jr.,
Hon. T. M. HOWE,	JOHN S. DILWORTH,
BARCLAY PRESTON,	GEORGE BINGHAM.

de22] WM. A. RODGERS.

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SLIGO IRON WORKS.
WAREHOUSE
NO. 121 WATER STREET,
PITTSBURGH, PA.
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L. HIRSHFELD
No. 83 Wood street,
Continues to sell off his entire stock AT COST,
TO QUIT BUSINESS
BY THE
FIRST OF JANUARY, 1864.
Our Assortment is Still Complete
IN
ALL ITS BRANCHES.
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Bargains in Cloaks. Bargains in Shawls. Bargains in Silks. Bargains in Merinoes. Bargains in Balmorals. Bargains in Dress Goods
GARDNER'S,
CHEAPEST DRY GOODS IN THE CITY.
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MARKET STREET.
Bargains in Cloakings. Bargains in Cassimeres Bargains in Flannels. Bargains in Blankets. Bargains in Linens. Bargains in Prints.
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MILITARY AND EXEMPTION CLAIMS.
W. J. & HALL PATTERSON,
No. 144 Fourth street, (2d floor,)
PITTSBURGH, PA.
Claims for PENSION, BOUNTY, BACK PAY, PRIZE MONEY, HORSES killed or lost in the service, and SUBSISTENCE. Also, for EXEMPTION from the draft, attended to promptly. PATENTS and PASSPORTS procured.
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GO TO
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GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING STORE,
81 Market street.
Fine Silk and Cashmere Scarfs.
NECK TIES,
MUFFLERS,
SCARF RINGS.
Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.
GLOVES, NEGLIGE SHIRTS, FINE SHIRTS, SUSPENDERS, MONEY WALLETS, UNDERSHIRTS, DRAWERS, HALF HOSE, &c.
A very large stock to select from at the
LOWEST PRICE.
A few choice
DRESSING GOWNS.
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FRANK J. BUCHARD,
No. 169 Smithfield street.
All kinds of
Second-Hand Furniture, Bedding, etc.
BOUGHT, SOLD AND EXCHANGED.
no3:3m

SEALED PROPOSALS—Will be received by the A. A. Quarter Master, at Allegheny Arsenal, until the 25th inst., for furnishing and delivering at said Arsenal,
WOOD, COAL AND STRAW,
these articles to be delivered in such quantities, and at such times, as may be required.
Parties proposing must produce securities for the performance of the contract, and will give the names of securities in the proposal.
Contracts will commence on the 1st of January, 1864, and end December 31st, 1864.
1st Lt. Ordnance and A. A. Q. M. U. S. A.
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WINE PRESSES.—We have for sale two of HICKOK'S CIDER and WINE MILLS. The only mill that properly grinds grapes.
J. KNOX,
oc26 No. 29 Fifth street.

A GOOD FAMILY HORSE FOR SALE.—A beautiful bay Horse, about sixteen hands high, perfectly sound and well broken to harness, will be sold very cheap, and if desired a nice set of HARNESS and JERSEY WAGON, almost new. If not sold, the Horse will be loaned to a responsible party, who will take good care of him until Spring, the owner, at the present, having no use for him. Enquire at No. 10 FIFTH street. del7

MA[illegible]—Large and medium, Mos[illegible] for sale by MILLER & McKINSON.

J. B. M'FADDEN & CO.,
95 Market street.
WE HAVE THIS DAY OPENED the richest and most comprehensive stock of
HOLIDAY GOODS
We have ever exhibited; anticipating the wants of our friends we have made our display much earlier than usual, and now invite our customers and the public generally to an early examination of our goods, which have been selected with especial regard to their tastes for
HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
Embracing an unusually large assortment of
WATCHES,
With the newest and most elegant designs of Diamonds and Pearls inlaid, enameled and engraved cases.
DIAMONDS,
In great variety of Clusters and Solitaires.
JEWELRY,
All the late styles of Solid Gold, Onyx, Coral, Pearl, Enameled, Garnet and Carbuncle Jewelry.
SILVER WARE,
Spoons, Forks, Cups, Fancy Pieces, Tea Sets, Trays, Baskets, Casters, Pitchers, &c., &c.
FANCY GOODS,
A beautiful collection of the most graceful patterns of Bohemian and French Vases and Toilet Ware, Bronzes, Clocks, Boxes, etc., etc.
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HOLIDAY GIFTS.
BARKER & CO.
59 Market street.
NEW SILKS,
62½ cents per yard.
FRENCH MERINOS,
87½ cents per yard.
DRESS GOODS
Reduced from 12½c to 50c per yard, from former prices.
CLOAKS & SHAWLS,
Less than we have ever sold them.
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PITTSBURGH THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager.....WM. HENDERSON
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CHRISTMAS EVE.
Ninth night of the American actor, JOSEPH PROCTOR, who will appear in the powerful character of Outahlanchet,
THIS EVENING, will be presented, the wild stirring drama of
OUTAHLANCHET, THE LION OF THE FORREST.
Outahlanchet.....J. Proctor
To conclude with
THE TOODLES.
Toodles.....J. O. Sefton
Christmas afternoon—"THE GHOST"
In preparation a NEW PANTOMIME.
Saturday, Benefit of Mr. J. PROCTOR.

MASONIC HALL.
TRIUMPHANT SUCCESS!
CROWDED HOUSES!
HOLMAN OPERA TROUPE.
This Evening,
LA SOMNAMBULA!
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Miss SALLIE HOLMAN as.....AMINA.
New Fancy Dance.....JULIA.
Sounds from the Battlefield.....by Alf. Holman.
To conclude with the new comic Operatta of
Mrs. PARTINGTON.
THREE GRAND PERFORMANCES ON CHRISTMAS DAY.
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MUSEUM OF NOVELTIES.
TOWNSEND'S EXHIBITION OF
LIVING WONDERS ARE COMING!
A SUPERB EXHIBITION. The first of the kind in the United States. Five Great Features are embraced in the Exhibition.
Col. ROTH GOSHEN, the Arab Giant, 8 feet high, weighing 800 pounds.
The MAMOTH GIRL, from Illinois, the largest being in the world, 16 years old only, and weighs 487 pounds.
The ALBINO FAMILY, from Madagascar, white hair, white skin and pink eyes; born of black parents.
The famous WHAT IS IT: Supposed to be a Man Monkey.
Also the EMPEROR BOA CONSTRICTOR, the largest ever brought to the United States alive—nineteen inches thick, and measures over twenty feet in length.
All the curiosties will be exhibited at
SPLANE'S BUILDING,
opposite the Postoffice, for one week only, commencing MONDAY, December 28th. Open from 10 to 12 m.; from 1½ to 4, and from 6 to 9 p. m.
See pictorial and descriptive bills.
de24:1w GEO. B. BUNNELL, Agent.

ODD FELLOWS'
GRAND REGALIA BALL,
By St. Clair Lodge, No. 362,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
Building a Hall for the use of the Lodge,
AT
LAFAYETTE HALL,
ON FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 25th, 1863.
COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

EDWARD SMITH,	REUBEN REESE,
WM. H. CLARK,	N. GROUNDES,
W. CODRINGTON,	ROBERT W. GRAY,
EDWARD SPRING,	J. BRYANT.

None admitted but members of the order.
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JOHN SCHLŒMER'S
CONCERT HALL,
No. 106 Smithfield st., opposite Postoffice.
Theatrical performances every evening, with Declamations, Solos, and Duetts out of the latest Farces and Operas, by
Mr. P. METTLACH,
" C. L. NOE.
Admission Free.
de10:1m JOHN SCHLŒMER, Proprietor.

U. S. 5-20'S.
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY has not yet given notice of any intention to withdraw this popular Loan from Sale at Par, and until ten days notice is given, the undersigned, as "General Subscription Agent," will continue to supply the public.
The whole amount of the Loan authorized, Five Hundred Millions of Dollars. Nearly Four Hundred Millions have been already subscribed for and paid into the Treasury, mostly within the last seven months. The large demand from abroad, and the rapidly increasing home demand for use as the basis for circulation by National Banking Associations now organizing in all parts of the country, will, in a very short period, absorb the balance. Sales have lately ranged from ten to fifteen millions weekly, frequently exceeding three millions daily, and as it is well known that the Secretary of the Treasury has ample and unfailing resources in the Duties on Imports and Internal Revenues, and in the issue of the Interest-bearing Legal Tender Treasury Notes, it is almost a certainty that he will not find it necessary, for a long time to come, to seek a market for any other long or permanent Loans, THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL OF WHICH ARE PAYABLE IN GOLD.
Prudence and self interest must force the minds of those contemplating the formation of National Banking Associations, as well as the minds of all who have idle money on their hands, to the prompt conclusion that they should lose no time in subscribing to this most popular Loan. It will soon be beyond their reach, and advance to a handsome premium, as was the result with the "Seven Thirty" Loan, when it was all sold and could no longer be subscribed for at par.
It is a Six per Cent. Loan, the Interest and Principal payable in Coin, thus yielding over Nine per Cent. per annum at the present rate of premium on co

The Pittsburg Commercial: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1863.

...Y INTELLIGENCE.

...& Co. Agents for the *Daily* ...Bridgeport, Pa.

...—Townsend's Museum of Liv... will be here next week, and ... in Splane's building, corner of ...d and Fifth streets. See advertise...

...ing.—Mrs. Vandenhoff, we learn, ...e a reading at Lafayette Hall, on ...y evening next, comprising selec... ...m Shakspeare, Dickens, and other ...authors. She is said to be an ad... reader.

... Campbell, Provost Marshal of ... District, has received the appoint... Lieutenant Colonel in the Invalid ... He held the same rank in the ...Third at the time he was wounded ...abled for active service.

...ingham Deposit Company. ...meeting of this Company, the follow... ...ficers were elected:—President—... McKee. Directors—George Dun... A. Wolfe, Peter Habermann, Jos. ..., James Fawcett, John Redman. ...r—John P. Beach.

... Ball.—On Christmas night, a ... regalia ball will be given by St. ... Lodge I. O. O. F., at Lafayette Hall, ... proceeds from which will be applied to ...ds the erection of a hall for the use of ... Lodge. Tickets may be had of the ...agers.

...iously Burned.—Mrs. Hazlett, a ..., residing on Seventh street, near ..., was seriously burned yesterday ... from her clothing taking fire ... the grate on which she was cooking. ...injuries may prove fatal. Mrs. Haz... we are informed, lost two daughters at the Arsenal explosion.

...sent of the 1862 Militia.—It is ... that Adjutant-General Russell is ... Washington, urging the speedy ...t of the Pennsylvania militia called ...October, 1862. He will urge the ad... of one-half the amount, so that with ...d of the one-half authorized by act of ..., passed last winter, the whole ...on be paid.

...celsior Institute.—Rev. W. ..., the Principal of this popular ... publishes a card in another column, ...rence to its commencement. Mr. G. ... in this community an exalted repu... ...e western a teacher of youth. Parents or ...en fillies, in selecting schools for the edu... of their children, should consider ...ms of the Excelsior Institute.

... Filled.—The quota of New ... has been filled, the citizens having ...ally subscribed a fund through ... ...unteers enough for the purpose ...ted. We understand that the ... Rifles," in the Twenty-eighth ... have re-enlisted, thus filling the ...t place. It is also stated that ...ior Brigade," which includes ... ... from here, have re-enlisted. ... Springfield.

... Burned.—About eight ... ...day morning a fire broke ... ...finery of Messrs. Eberle & ... ...t owned in Temperanceville, on ... and his own township, and not far ... ...one tavern. Several thous... ...oil were destroyed, with the ...chinery, and the estimated ...sand dollars. We were ... ...there was any insurance.

Democratic Meeting.—A meeting of the Democracy was held Monday evening, at head-quarters, at which resolutions were adopted calling upon the members of that party to meet in their several wards on Saturday evening, and elect delegates to a city convention to be held on Monday, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor, Controller and Treasurer. The several wards were also instructed to place in nomination full ward tickets.

Ordered to Washington.—James A. Ekin, Acting U. S. Quartermaster at Indianapolis, has been ordered to report for duty at Washington. The press of the former city are unanimous in the expression that Indianapolis will lose one of her best citizens. Col. Ekin is an invaluable officer, and we are glad to know that the Government entertains a high opinion of him. He will doubtless be in our city in a few days, *en route* for the National Capital.

A Liberal Bounty.—At a meeting of the citizens of Lancaster county, held on Saturday last, a resolution was passed instructing the county commissioners to offer a bounty of $600 to every volunteer enlisting from that county, which, added to the Government bounty, would entitle the recruit to about $900. The commissioners declined to pay such a large bounty, unless indemnified for the same by responsible citizens, until the act should be legalized by the Legislature, and there the matter stands for the present.

Daring Highway Robbery.—A bold and most audacious highway robbery was committed on Wednesday afternoon of last week on the road between Milliganstown and Puckefos Church, in Barren township, Westmoreland county. A clothing pedlar, carrying his ware on horseback, met a man on the road to whom he succeeded in disposing of some articles of clothing, and in making change the pedlar had occasion to produce his pocket book, containing some $300, when his customer, who was on foot, dexterously twitched it out of his hands and escaped to the woods.

Arson in Patton Township.—About ten o'clock Wednesday morning, the barn of Mr. Z. Aber, of Patton township, was set on fire, and, with its contents, was entirely consumed. Mr. Aber had stored in the barn about four hundred bushels of corn, the same amount of wheat, three hundred bushels of oats, and a quantity of hay. The loss is a very heavy one, and will be severely felt by Mr. Aber. A half-witted young man, named William Henry Norris, was arrested, charged with being the incendiary, and he was yesterday evening committed to answer at Court by J. M. McElroy, Esq., Justice of the Peace at Turtle Creek.

The Atlantic.—The leading article in the January *Atlantic* is by George E. Ellis, who gives an account of "Governor John Winthrop in Old England." Miss Prescott follows with "Ray," a spirited story of the war and the South. Mrs. Stowe, in one of her "House and Home" papers, speaks of the "Ravages of a Carpet." Professor Agassiz gives a scientific, yet most interesting description of the "External Appearances of Glaciers." The author of "Life in the Iron Mills" contributes a Christmas story called "Stephen Yarrow," Gail Hamilton has an amusing biographical essay entitled "My Book," and Oliver W. Holmes devotes a few pages to complimenting Henry Ward Beecher on the success of his recent European tour. The political article of this number is by C. C. Hazewell, who reviews the military position, and sees in the third year of the rebellion the "Beginning of the End." Poetry is represented in the January *Atlantic* by Mr. Longfellow's version of "Three Cents, or Dante's Paradise," by Mr. Bryant's "Planting of the Apple Tree," and by "*Memoriæ Positan*," a dirge, by James Russell Lowell, to the memory of a lost friend. It is for sale by J. W. Pittock, Fifth street.

Alleged Oil Thief Captured.

For the past year or more the owners and shippers of oil in barrels have suffered great loss at the hands of oil thieves, who committed their depredations at the Allegheny wharf. The value of oil and empty oil barrels that have been stolen from the Allegheny river within that time would sum up over five thousand dollars. In the months of September and October last, Mr. George W. Holdship had stolen from the wharf some twenty six empty barrels, valued at fifty-two dollars. Information of the larceny was made before Mayor Sawyer, and search was instituted for the perpetrators. A number of the barrels was traced to the possession of Hugh Gatans, a drayman, who alleged that he had purchased them from one Alex. McConnell, of Allegheny city. Officer Gumbert proceeded to arrest McConnell, but that individual having heard that the officer was after him fled the city.

Hearing that McConnell had gone to Harrisburg, officer Gumbert went after him, but the fellow had left that city for Philadelphia, whither the officer also went, without, however, succeeding in finding him. A few days since, information reached the city that McConnell was conducting a concert saloon on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, having changed his name to Charles St. Clair. Officer Gumbert went to Philadelphia on Monday, arrested him, and brought him on to this city yesterday. McConnell threatens great disclosures if he is not justly dealt with by his friends, from which it is inferred that he is guilty of the charges preferred against him. He will have a hearing this morning before Mayor ...

Volunteer Meeting in McClure Township—$300 Bounty Money Offered—Resolutions, Speeches, etc., etc.

Pursuant to a notice, the people of McClure township, in the 23d District, met at the hotel of John Hartman, on Monday night, the 23d instant.

On motion, John S. Hall, Esq., was called to the Chair, Hugh S. Fleming and Wm. Carson, Esqs., chosen Vice Presidents, and H. Phillips and Wm. Walker, acted as Secretaries.

The object of the meeting being stated in a pertinent speech by the Chair, in which he remarked that the times called on all true and loyal men of the United States to stand by the Government of our common parent—the war must be sustained until every rebel submits to the laws of the Constitution. Where would we all be providing the Southern hordes would get a foothold in our North! What would become of our people then—the very slaves of the South would be more respected and better cared for than the freemen of the North. Then arouse every able bodied man and stand forth in defence of the glorious old flag in which every true American heart should be centered. The men in power must and shall be sustained by the strong arm of loyal men throughout the land of Washington and kindred spirits. Let us say as one man to the Executive, "Crush out rebels in arms and traitors wherever found, even should it require extermination." Then the country of liberty and law can bid defiance to the enemies of civil and religious liberty, in our Heaven ordained land. *Our Union, our Constitution and our Flag* must last to all eternity, and may the God of battles protect and defend us now as in the grand struggle of our fathers, who freed us from the tyranny of a British oligarchy, and may the loud triumph and the drum that beats to arms be hushed into gentle strains, and the blood-stained sword of the rebels be placed in the scabbard—that brother shall not strike brother to stain with their blood the bosom of their beloved mother, and may the good old flag of our nationality wave in triumph ever more.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Robert H. Kerr, H. Walker and C. H. Hartman, were appointed to prepare business, who reported the following, which were unanimously adopted and ordered that a copy of the same be forwarded by the President of the meeting to the President of the United States, Governor Curtin and Hon. Thomas Williams, our member in Congress, with a request that he present the same as the expression of loyal constitutional men of the District:

WHEREAS, The President has called for troops, and whereas it becomes the duty of loyal men to sustain the American Government, in which is involved our prosperity, felicity, and safety of our national existence, and whereas the only way to accomplish so desirable an object is by men and money, and to forego every thing else until freed from rebels. Therefore,

Resolved, That the people of McClure Township, alive to the welfare of our common country, will pay to each volunteer to fill our quota, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars in Cash, and we invite those who desire to aid in the cause of liberty to come forward and receive the bounty.

Resolved, That each person enrolled and all others who desire to see the Union maintained and the flag for which Washington fought, protected from traitors, are requested to subscribe, to the Committee, Wm. Walker, H. Phillips and John S. Hall, and others whom they may designate, who will meet at the house of John Hartman, at seven o'clock, nightly, and they are hereby empowered to receive and procure the necessary funds to pay the sum indicated as above; and that Wm. Walker is appointed Treasurer of said fund.

Resolved, That the plan proposed by the State Executive, in our opinion if carried into effect, would have precluded the necessity for the draft, and we consider it bad taste to cast reflections on our State, (as there is none more patriotic), when the General Government has been amply supplied with men and money at all times.

Resolved, That those who are protected by our laws and come in competition with our citizens should not in the nature of things, be exempt from sharing in the hardships incident to the war, on account of Alienage or Quakerism, some of whom are responsible for our present national calamity.

Resolved, That something more substantial than soft words for the poor soldiers should be done by Congress. We declare in favor of their pay being increased to one dollar per day, or more, and we request our member, the Hon. Thomas Williams, to introduce an act for that purpose. Yet, we consider the pay of the officers sufficient for the present.

R. H. Kerr then addressed the meeting. He remarked that he would not have been present there, had he not been impressed with the conviction that it was his solemn duty. He had been seriously ill for a fortnight, and he was now before them at the risk of his life. But what was life—what was money—when everything a patriot held dear was in peril! He appealed to his neighbors that heretofore he had voted and acted with the South, but when those detested traitors attempted to destroy the the glorious government which Washington formed, he was against them. His money, his influence, his life was at the service of the government. At the beginning of the war he had enlisted as a private in a volunteer company, whose services were offered to Governor Curtin, but refused, and the organization, after degenerating into a Home Guard company, he abandoned it. If he had gone then no doubt his fate would have been that of the brave and gallant Black and Rippey. He counselled vigorous measures for raising the means necessary to furnish the quota. He concluded his truly eloquent speech by a stirring and patriotic appeal in favor of sustaining the government. His feelings, his heart and his trifle of money was at the service of McClure township. His remarks were received with enthusiastic plaudits.

Capt. Hugh S. Fleming dissented from the first resolution. He preferred that the money should be raised first. Personally, he did not care a fig for the draft. He was subject to its provisions, and if drafted was ready to respond. The government needed *soldiers*—not money—money could not *buy* soldiers. He had already served in the army. Neither his men nor himself had any bounty offered them. He was ready and willing again to do service for his country. He was willing to contribute as much as any other citizen, but preferred to ascertain how much money could be raised before offering any definite sum as a bounty.

A form of subscription, submitted by the committee to prepare business, was presented to the meeting, and approved.

A committee of ten was also appointed to district the township, and call on every taxable to contribute his share towards the bounty fund.

John S. Hall, Esq., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a fund be raised by assessing a sum not exceeding one mill on the county valuation, on all taxables of M'Clure township, for the purpose of forming a fund for the relief of the families of absent soldiers. The money raised to be placed in the hands of a committee, to purchase groceries, &c., to be dispensed to the families of soldiers in proportion to the number comprising such family.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the Pittsburgh *Commercial*, and all other papers friendly to the Union, the Constitution, and the Executive.

The utmost good feeling pervaded the meeting. There are two hundred and thirteen names enrolled, and seventeen is the quota to be furnished. It is expected $6,000 will be raised, which will be sufficient to pay a bounty of $300 to each recruit.

The Industrial School.

The ladies of the First Industrial School of Pittsburgh, would acknowledge the receipt of several liberal contributions in aid of their efforts to make this a school of continued and increasing usefulness. Since it was first established, hundreds of young children have been in attendance at different times, and the attendance is still large. Great numbers of garments have been given out each winter, which the children have been taught to assist in making, while receiving other instruction. Shoes, cloth, calicos, flannels, and whatever could be used to clothe the destitute, have been supplied by donations. The work is still progressing, and, amid so many calls upon the benevolent, this effort to accomplish some good seems not to be forgotten. But a few years ago some $2,500 was given to purchase the church for the use of this school; and the ladies, grateful for that, are determined that the work shall go on; and they hope to make it equal, or nearly so, to such schools in other large cities.

The following donations have just been received:

Mr. J. Caldwell	$58
Mrs. T. S. Clark	20
Mrs. J. R. McCune	15
Mr. R. T. Davis	10
Mrs. H. Denny	10
Mr. J. H. Shoenberger, 48 yards calico.	
Mr. Wallingford, 38 yards calico	

As is customary, a treat will be given to this school and the Mission Sabbath School connected with it, at the church, on Christmas day, by the teachers.

Christmas, which is always a merry time, is with us once more, and what more becoming or beautiful present can any one make to his lady friend than a nice set of FURS, and at no house in the country is there a larger or better assortment than at the large, Fashionable establishment of WM. FLEMING, 139 Wood STREET. Also, a large assortment of Ladies' and Misses' Hats, trimmed and untrimmed, Fur Hoods, Gents' and Boys' Hats and Caps, at less prices than at any other House in the city.

A child, with two perfectly formed heads, was recently born in Mead township, Crawford county, but did not live.

Handsome Holiday Gift.—As a great many of our readers contemplate, no doubt, presenting their wives, daughters or lady friends with a piano sometime during the holiday season, they should be advised where to look for a handsomely finished and exquisitely toned instrument. All our piano dealers have a fine assortment of these tasteful and appropriate parlor instruments, but our friends, Messrs. Wamelink & Barr, No. 2 St. Clair street, have one of the largest and freshest stocks of pianos ever imported into this city, embracing those of the most celebrated manufactures. Bradbury's new scale pianos rank in musical circles second to none for purity, richness and equality of tone, and are highly commended by our eminent pianist, Gottschalk. Of these fine instruments, Messrs. Wamelink & Barr have a choice assortment, selected with great care especially for holiday sales by Mr. Wamelink, whose excellent musical judgment none will question. Some persons may prefer making a present of a harmonium or melodeon; if so, they will find in Messrs. Wamelink & Barr's warerooms a most excellent collection of these favorite instruments. They have also a large stock of musical instruments of all kinds, any of which would make a suitable holiday present. At all events, we would suggest to our readers that they call at No. 2 St. Clair street, near the suspension bridge, and examine Messrs. Wamelink & Barr's new and ample stock of musical instruments.

The American Gate, patented by Messrs. Hurxthal & Lee, of Boliver, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, is a most admirable arrangement. For simplicity, durability and perfect working, it far surpasses all other devices known as a Farm or Carriage Gate. Among the advantages are the following:

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Farm, County and State Rights for sale. Address John Lee, Hare's Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

City Mortality.

DR. A. G. McCandless, physician to the Board of Health, makes the following report of the mortality of the city from December 14th to December 20th, 1863:

ADULTS.		CHILDREN.	
Apoplexy	1	Measles	3
Hepatitis	1	Still born	1
Consumption	2	Unknown	1
Asthma	1	Bronchial catarrh	1
		Congestion of brain	1
		Peneterutis	1
		Effects of a burn	1
		Heart disease	1
		Disease of brain	1

Of the above there were:

Under 1 year	4	From 30 to 40	3
From 1 to 2	3	From 40 to 50	1
From 2 to 5	3	From 50 to 60	0
From 5 to 10	2	From 60 to 70	1
From 10 to 15	0	From 70 to 80	1
From 15 to 20	1	From 80 to 90	0
From 20 to 30	0	From 90 to 100	0

Males, 10; Females, 8; White, 16; Colored, 2; Total, 18.

Public Amusements.

THEATRE.—Mr. PROCTOR'S engagement thus far has been a very successful one, and we are glad to note the fact. He remains but three nights longer, to-night appearing in his great Indian character of "Outahlanechet." The "Ghost" will be produced to-morrow afternoon at the Theatre for the benefit of the families. In the evening Mr. Proctor will appear.

THE HOLMAN OPERA TROUPE.—To-night the opera of "La Sonnambula" will be produced at Masonic Hall, by this popular troupe, Miss Sallie Holman appearing as Amina. This will certainly attract another large house. The management give three performances Christmas day, in order to accommodate the large number of our citizens who desire to hear them. The first performance takes place at 11 o'clock in the morning, when children will be admitted for ten cents. This will be a rare opportunity for giving our juveniles a treat. In the afternoon and evening two full operas will be given, when the usual prices will be charged.

Useful Information for Persons Buying Holiday Gifts.

The Committee of the American Institute, New York, appointed to examine sewing machines, made a long, elaborate, and able report, of much interest to the public. Committees have not discriminated and classified sufficiently. This report is free from these faults. The machines are arranged according to the stitch made, and the purpose to which the machine is to be applied, in four classes, 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th—a classification so desirable in any men and money, and to forego every thing else until freed from rebels. Therefore,

CLASS 1st includes the *Shuttle* or *Lock-Stitch Machines* for family use, and for manufacturers in the same range of purpose and material. The Committee has assigned this class the highest rank, on account of the elasticity, permanence, beauty, and general excellence of the stitch, "when done," and the wide range of its application. At the head of this class they place the Wheeler & Wilson Machine, and award it the highest premium. This has been the uniform award for this machine throughout the country for several years, and we think no disinterested person will dispute its justice and propriety.

CLASS 2d includes the *Shuttle* or *Lock-Stitch Machines* for heavy manufacturing purposes. At the head of this class the Committee places First & Frost's Machines.

CLASS 3d includes the *Double Chain-Stitch Machines*. The Grover & Baker Machines is placed at the head of this class. The Committee objects to the stitch made by this machine, inasmuch as it consumes more thread than any other stitch, and leaves a ridge projecting from one side of the seam. This, in the Committee's opinion, must usually impair the durability of the seam, and often the beauty of the garments or other articles so stitched, though some of the machines making this stitch can be used very successfully for embroidery purposes.

CLASS 4th includes the Single Thread Tambour or Chain Stitch Machines. The tendency of this stitch to ravel, the Committee considers an objection so serious that they refuse to recommend the machines making it for any premium.

These, with Singer's, are the principal machines made in this country. A brother of Mr. Howe also manufactures a small number in New York, named the "Howe" machine, and of a style suitable for heavy work. But the invention of the "rotating hook" is that which has given the charter to the Wheeler and Wilson machine, and although the stich is the same as that originally produced by Howe, he readily acknowledges that it is done by a more simple and ingenious method.

For the reasons above stated, and for many more which we have not time to enumerate, we say to all wanting a reliable, simple, efficient, and one that will give the most unqualified satisfaction, get the Wheeler & Wilson.

Photographs.—Persons wishing Photographs colored in Ink, Oil, or Water Colors, for the holidays, done up in the finest style of the art, would do well to call at once, as early a day as possible at the ever popular gallery of B. F. H. Dabb's, Nos. 90 and 92 Federal street, Allegheny, as the demand for his pictures at present though very large, will, during the holidays, preclude many from procuring the likeness which they desire. lawt.ja

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

—Sales of stock by Davis & McIlwaine, auctioneers, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at their rooms, No. 54 Fifth street:

Citizens' Bank	$66 50
Mechanics' Bank	62 00
Allegheny Bank	56 25
Western Insurance Co.	53 75
Monongahela Insurance Co.	33 00
Merchants & Manufacturers' Bank	56 50

—The sales of the 5-20s at the agency in this city, during the week ending yesterday, amount to $191,000

—We learn from Washington, says the New York *Herald*, that Mr. Chase is firm in his determination to make no new issues of legal tender Treasury notes, but to rely in the future entirely upon long bonds, by which he estimates he can secure $1,500,000 a day throughout the year. It is also reported that the Secretary has given his opinion that the interest bearing notes should be used in redeeming the legal tenders now in circulation, leaving the issues of the new national banks to keep up the volume. This plan, unless carried out with a great deal of caution, would be likely to produce a stringency in money affairs. The five per cent. interest bearing notes would be withdrawn from circulation after the first month's interest had accumulated upon them, and the new bank notes would not for the first year be sufficient in the aggregate to fill the vacuum. This may possibly be one of Mr. Chase's plans to restore the specie basis, and if he attempts to carry it out with any degree of haste, the evil that will attend the performance will more than overbalance the good which it is expected will follow. A return to specie payments is very desirable; but, if the best interests of the country are to be endangered by a sudden movement to accomplish that end, it would be better to hold off a little longer and await the result of the war.

—The new National Bank bills have made their appearance in Washington. The *Republican* says: "We are indebted to cashier Huntington, of the "First National Bank of Washington," for a specimen of the first issue of national currency for that institution. It is altogether too complicated to describe, and we doubt if it can be easily counterfeited. The note before us is of the denomination of five dollars, is not so clumsy and bulky as the original "greenbacks," clearly printed on excellent paper, and the engravings, on the front and back, are finely executed. The artist's subject on the note is Columbus—his discovery of American land; the "Landing;" and his introduction of the "New World to the Old."

—A counterfeit twenty dollar note on the Bank of Pottstown, Pottstown, Pa., was circulated in Philadelphia on Saturday. The vignette is a representation of a rolling mill; on the right end is an engraved head of Daniel Webster, and on the left a picture of a man drinking, with a woman and child near him. The genuine twenties have a medallion head of Washington, male and female figures, and two Indians; right and left end, "20" above, "XX" below.

PITTSBURGH GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL,
Wednesday, December 24.

Business was only moderately active, the demand for the leading articles being limited. The weather was cold, but otherwise we had what may be termed good healthy winter weather. The Allegheny river continues to run full of floating ice, navigation on that stream being suspended for the present. On the Monongahela wharf we noticed a continued activity and fair shipments of various descriptions of manufactured articles, glass, iron and nails, forming a large proportion. The marks on the pier indicated six feet six inches and falling. The steamer Starlight, left for St. Louis with all the freight she wanted and a fair passenger trip. The steamers Reserve and Nevada will leave to day for Louisville with all the freight they can carry. The Westmoreland and Louisville brought up fair cargoes. Among the sales reported we note as follows:

BUTTER—We have no change to notice as regards prices or demands. We note regular sales from store at 26@28c for fresh roll.

HAY continues firm, the supply falling short of the demand. At the scales 38 loads were disposed of at $40@43 per ton; bales firm.

WHISKY—The market remains excited, holders being in doubt in regard to the figures that would next be demanded. We quote City rectified at 86@87c, while some ask more.

GRAIN—We have nothing new to state in regard to this article; The demand for all descriptions was active, prices tending upward.

Corn was in good demand. Among the sales were 1,100 bush ear on wharf, at $1 28@1 30c; 1,000 bush do. on private terms; also, sales of 500 bush at $1 28.

Barley in good demand at full rates; spring, $1 38@1 40; fall, $1 50@1 52.

Oats are quick of sale at 81@82c, with sales of 500 bush at these rates.

Wheat firm. The Cincinnati papers note a sale of 1,500 bush as taken by a Pittsburgh firm; terms not stated. Prices here are unchanged.

SEEDS—The demand was steady and sales regular, more especially of the better brands. We note a fair amount of receipts by the river, the largest portion of which goes East by rail. The sales yesterday exhibit a slight advance, viz: Sales 100 bbls

Extra—$6 00.

Extra Family—$7@7 25; 200 bbls do on private terms.

BACON—The new stock is beginning to be offered more freely. We note small sales of Hams at 13c for sugar cured.

DRIED BEEF—Now is held, and small sales were made at 13c ₱ lb.

LARD—Prices looking up, and is now held at 14c.

PITTSBURGH OIL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL,
Thursday, Dec. 24, 1863.

Business was not very brisk in Oil. The closing of navigation to Oil Creek has given the advantage to holders; buyers, however, do not seem very desirous to take hold with any kind of freedom. The latest news from Europe, per steamship Jura, favor holders. What effect they will have on holders, remains to be seen. At all events, the holders are inclined to advance the rates. Among the sales reported were the following: Crude, 350 bbls in bulk, 20c; 400 do, bbls included, 25c; 500 bbls, 25½c; 600 bbls in bulk at 21c, and 750 do at same figure.

Refined having also caught the fever, was looking up. Sales 100 bbls, free, at 50c; 500 do, terms withheld; sales 200 bbls bonded at 40c. Some dealers were demanding higher rates.

The exports were: To Philadelphia—Crude, 1,100 bbls; Refined, 350 bbls. To Baltimore—Refined, 50 bbls; Crude, 228 bbls. To New York—Crude 950 bbls. Exports to West—Refined 325 bbls and Crude 40 bbls. Imports by rail during the same period 3,450 bbls.

[BY THE INLAND TELEGRAPH LINE]

Liverpool Petroleum Market.

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—By the arrival of the steamer Jura, we have the following Liverpool market:

LIVERPOOL, December 10.—Refined Petroleum steady at 1s 8½@1s 9d. Crude firmer, at £15 stirling.

Cincinnati Whisky and Alcohol Market.

December 23.

Alcohol—The market closed firm at $1 68@1 75 for 98 per cent. over proof, the latter the jobbing rate.

Whisky—There was a good demand for whisky, but the offerings were large, and prices did not undergo any change, notwithstanding the favorable news from the East. The sales comprise about 1,100 barrels at 83@83½c. the latter rate for wagon.

Chicago Highwine Market--Dec. 22.

Highwines were dull and heavy, and 1c less, with sales of 250 bbls at 18c. It is reported here that a tax will be placed on manufacturep wines, and that the orders restricting the distillation of grain in Kentucky will then be removed.

[By Telegraph.]

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

COTTON—Without material change.

FLOUR—Opened quiet and about 1c lower; closed rather better, $6 65@6 75 for extra State; $7 75 for Round Hoop Ohio; $7 75@7 95 for trade brands.

WHEAT—1@2c lower; $1 44@1 49 Chicago spring; $1 47@1 51 for Mil. club; $1 56@1 60 for winter red western.

WHISKY—Market steady; 91@93 for State and Western. Rumors of sales as high as 98c.

Southern News.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 23.—Richmond papers, received this evening, contain the following:

Lynchburg, Dec. 17.—The enemy, 25,000 strong, with several pieces of artillery, in command of General Averill, left Salem last evening, the way they came.

Charleston, December 16.—All is quiet here. General Beauregard inspected Fort Sumter last night.

Charleston, December 17.—Four shells were thrown into the city last night. Our batteries opened heavy and silenced the enemy.

Charleston, December 18—Ten shells were fired at the city this morning; our batteries kept up a steady fire on the enemy, who are engaged in obstructing the approaches to their batteries on Morris Island. There was some firing on Stono to-day.

Twenty-nine vessels, including the Ironsides and four Monitors, are inside the bar, and the usual number in the Stono.

Dalton, Dec. 18.—Gen. Jos. E. Johnston has been appointed to command the Army of Tennessee. He is expected here early next week. Gen. Herdman has arrived and taken command of his old division. Gen. Sherman's corps has fallen back from Knoxville, and passed through Cleveland yesterday.

Charleston, Dec. 20.—The enemy opened fire on the city between twelve and one o'clock, and threw fifteen shells. This afternoon twenty more were thrown. No damage was done. They continue to work on Gregg and Wagner, extending the former and sodding the latter. No important movement of the fleet has been made.

Bristol, December 19.—A skirmish took place last Monday at Bean Station. The enemy, after a stubborn resistance, retreated towards Knoxville. We captured seventy wagon loads of stores, and some prisoners. Our loss in killed and wounded was 800. Gen. Grade was wounded. Two hundred and twenty-five prisoners have arrived.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

Arrest of A Government Official.

For some time past suspicions have been entertained that defalcations existed in the Redemption Bereau of the Treasury Department, but so skillfully was it being executed that all attempts to find out, until yesterday, proved unavailing, when the detectives fastened on Charles H. Cornell, of Ohio, a clerk in that Bureau, who was arrested this afternoon. It seems that his plan was to abstract the one half of a package of notes sent in to be redeemed and burned, and supply the deficiency in some ingenious manner. The rest of the package being subsequently burned, it is no easy matter to ascertain the amount abstracted; but it is estimated to-night as high as $30,000. The defalcation creates considerable excitement, as Cornell was the last man that would be suspected.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1863.

SENATE.—Mr. Wade introduced a bill relative to members of Congress acting as attorneys, counsel or agents in cases where the United States is defendant. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wilson offered the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform the Senate whether persons held to service or labor by the laws of Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri have been enrolled according to the provisions of the act for calling out the national forces and other purposes, approved March 3d, 1863; and if not, why such enrollment has not been made.

Mr. Trumbull's resolution inquiring for the number of Major Generals and Brigadier Generals without a command larger than a brigade, the extent of the rank and pay of their several staffs, with the amount of rations for each, was taken up and adopted.

After an executive session, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as Select Committe on the National Bankrupt Law:—Spaulding, Kelly, of Pa.; Craver, of Ind.; Hoover, of Mass.; Frank, of N. Y.; Morrison, of Ill.; Harris, of Md.; Jenkes, of R. Island, and Chanler, of N. Y.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of War, in compliance with Mr. Cox's resolution, transmitting the report of General McClellan concerning the organization and operations of the Army of the Potomac, while in command, and all army operations while commander-in-chief.

Mr. Cox offered a resolution that 10,000 extra copies be printed. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Fenton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to facilitate the payment of bounties and arrears of pay due for services of wounded and deceased soldiers. Referred.

Mr. Schenck, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to create a bureau of military justice; also, a bill to repeal a part of the enrollment act, the sole object of the bill being to unite the two classes into one, to take effect from and after its passage.

Fernando Wood said the Enrollment was full of defects, and required such modifications as would fill up our failing armies. He hoped that the pending bill would not be acted upon at this time, and moved its reference to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Schenck, in reply, said the Committee on Military Affairs would not report a repealing bill. They, however, are assiduously engaged in considering amendments to make the act more effective.

Mr. Ancona offered a preamble setting forth the act commonly called the Conscription law to be oppressive, unjust, and unconstitutional, because it takes from the States the control of their own militia, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to bring in a bill for the repeal of the act, and the substitution of some constitutional and just bill for the immediate filling up of our armies.

Mr. Stevens moved an adjournment of the House. Carried.

The House then adjourned in pursuance of the joint resolution, until the 5th day of January, 1864.

Successful Expedition of Gen. Averill in Western Virginia.

EDRAY, Pocahontas Co., Va., Dec. 21—*Via* Beverly, Dec. 22.—To Gen. Halleck:—I have the honor to report that I cut the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad at Salem on the 16th inst., and have arrived safely at this point with my command. At Salem I destroyed three depots, containing 2,000 bbls flour, 10,000 bush wheat, 100,000 bush shelled corn, 50,000 bush oats, 2,000 bbls meat, several cords of leather, 4,000 sacks salt, 31 boxes clothing, 20 bales cotton, a large amount of harness, shoes and equipment, tools and various other stores, and 100 wagons. The telegraph wires were cut, coiled and burned for half a mile. The water station, turn table and three cars were burned, and rail heated and destroyed as much as possible in six hours. Five bridges and several culverts were destroyed. Over an extent of fifteen miles a large quantity of bridge timber and repairing materials were also destroyed.

My marches were retarded occasionally by the tempests in the mountains, and the icy roads. I was obliged to swim my command and draw my artillery with ropes across Croggs' creek seven times in twenty-four hours.

On my return I found six separate commands, under Generals Early, Jones, Fitsels, Imboden, Jackson, Cholse and McCousten, arranged in a line extending from Staunton to Newport, upon all the available roads, to prevent my return.

I captured a dispatch from Gen. Jones to Gen. Early, giving me his position and that of Jackson at Clifton Forge. I marched from the front of Jones to that of Jackson at night. His outposts were pressed in at the gallop, by the Virginia mounted infantry, and two bridges across Jackson river were saved, although faggots had been piled ready to ignite them. My column, about four miles long, hastened across regardless of the enemy, until all but my ambulances and a few wagons, and one regiment, had passed, when a strong effort was made to retake the first bridge, in which they did not succeed.

The ambulances and some sick men were lost, and by the darkness and difficulties the last regiment was detained upon the opposite side until morning. When I ascertained that the enemy seemed determined to maintain the position on the cliffs, which overlooked the bridge, I caused the bridge, which was long and high, to be destroyed. The enemy immediately changed position to the flank and rear of the detachment which was cut off. I sent an order to the detachment to destroy the wagons and come to me across the river or over the mountain. They swam the river with a loss of four men, who were drowned, and joined me on the mountain face. The enemy concentrating upon me at every available road, but one way of retreat was deemed practicable, and by which I crossed the Alleghenies with my command, with the exception of four caissons, which were destroyed to increase the teams of field-pieces.

My loss is six men drowned, one officer and four men wounded, and four officers and ninety men missing. We captured about two hundred prisoners, but released all but four officers and eighty men on account of their inabilty to walk. We took about one hundred and fifty horses.

The country is very poor, and the officers and men have suffered cold, hunger and fatigue with remarkable fortitude.

My command has marched, climbed, slid and swam three hundred and fifty-five miles since the 8th inst.

W. W. AVERILL, Brig. Gen.

The Smithsonian Institute.

WASHINGTON, December 23—The Speaker of the House has reappointed Mr. Cox one of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institute. Davis, of Maryland, and Patterson of New Hampshire, have also been appointed Regents, in place of Messrs. Colfax and McPherson.

Look Out for Counterfeits.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—*Peterson's Detector* cautions the public against counterfeit fives on the Union Bank of Philadelphia, just issued.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 23.—At a meeting of the State Central Committee of unconditional Union men and War Democrats to-day, it was resolved to call a convention to be held at Indianapolis on the 22d and 23d of February, for nominating a State ticket, and sending deleg

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COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK HOP MARKET.—The supply of prime and fancy goods is light, and with a good inquiry; the market is firm, but common mouldy goods are plenty, and are dull and heavy; sales of 300 bales at 12@30, as to quality. Yearlings are scarce and firm at 19@23, for good to prime.

CINCINNATI COAL MARKET.—Of the amount which left Pittsburgh on the recent rise, about 1,500,000 bushels reached this city, and 1,000,000 bushels sold Saturday and Monday at 25c for Youghiogheny afloat. The balance could be sold at the same figure, but it is held in anticipation of higher figures. Pomeroy is selling at 20@21c afloat. The retail rates are 22c for Youghiogheny, and 28c for Hartford City and Pomeroy.

Sale of Cotton at Cincinnati.

The following were the sales of Government Cotton by Mr. Mellen, Agent of the Treasury Department:

58 bales,	M. Bloom	67c
53 do	M. Bloom	65c
53 do	Stearns & Foster	64c
156 do	Stix, Krouse & Co	63c
53 do	T. R. Arbuckle & Co	62½c
33 do	M. Bloom	62½c
53 do	Stix, Krouse & Co	62½c
5 do	M. Gotlieb	62½c
44 do	Wood & Garrett	70½c
4 do	Addy, Hull & Ray	71½c
4 do	Stearns & Foster	58c
6 do	M. Gotlieb	69c
5 do	M. Gotlieb	66c
4 do	and 34 bags, Addy, Hull & Ray	69c
10 do	J. H. Warner	61c

Cincinnati Hay and Straw Market—Dec. 24.

The supply of hay during the past week fell short of the demand, and prices have advanced. But few farmers appear in market. We quote as follows:

Loose hay.....$32 to $35 per ton.
Baled hay.....35 to 36 per ton.

Straw.—The market for straw has been very dull, neither the supply nor demand being heavy, and prices remain the same as those of last week, viz:

Rye straw.....$25 to 28 per ton.
Wheat straw.....16 to 20 per ton.

Sheaf Oats—No sheaf oats were offered during the week.

New York Grocery Market.

Coffee—There continues a good demand for Rio, principally from the trade, and the market is steady. The stock is reduced to about 19,000 bags. We hear of sales of 100 bags Rio at 31½c, and 3,000 bags, including a portion from the Blue Jacket, on private terms, but understood to be at full prices. Other kinds are moderately active and steady. Sales of 150 bags St. Domingo at 33c, and 165 do Laguayra at 33½, less 2½c.

Rice—There is a little more firmness manifested in the market to-day, though the transactions are not heavy; sales of 300 bbls Para at 7⅞@8¼c, and 100 bags Rangoon at 7¼@7¾.

Sugars—Raw remain quiet at about former rates; sales of some 400 hhds, chiefly Cuba, at 12@12⅜c, and 70 boxes Havana at 12¾@13c. Refined are dull.

Hogs in Peoria.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, almost nothing has been done in live stock—not enough to establish quotations. The following scale of prices for dressed Hogs is still adhered to:

300 lbs and upward	$6 00
250 to 300 lbs	5 75
200 to 250 do	5 25
150 to 200 do	4 75
Under 150 lbs	4 00

Hogs in Chicago.

The receipts for the week were 60,166 head. There is no essential change to note in the market, except that trade was more active, with prices more favorable to sellers, especially on extra lots. There was but little demand for light weights.

Toward the close of the day several small lots changed hands at an advance of 5@10c, yet the number was too limited to warrant a change in quotations; there was an upward tendency, however. We quote:

Extra choice hogs, average 300 lbs and over, $5 25@5 75; Good to Prime, average 250 lbs and over, $4 25@4 85; Common to Medium, 200 lbs and over, $4@4 10; Interior, 180 lbs and upwards, $3 50@3 80.

Cincinnati Tobacco Market.

TOBACCO—The market for leaf has ruled very firm throughout the week, there being a good demand from the manufacturers and also some speculative inquiry, and full prices have been realised. Manufactured has been in good demand, chiefly speculative, and in some descriptions a further advance has been established. We quote:

OHIO SEED LEAF.	
Good Fillers	@12c
Medium Wrappers	@17c
Fine to choice	@33c
KENTUCKY LEAF.	
Lugs	@15c
Medium Leaf	@22c
Fine Leaf	@25c
Selections	@40c
VIRGINIA LEAF.	
Lugs	@16c
Medium Leaf	@21c
Fine and bright	@36c
Bright selections	@40c
MANUFACTURED.	
8s, 8s and 10s, dark	@65c
do do bright	@80c
Bright Pounds, medium	@90c
do do fine	@95c
do do extra	1 10@1 20
Kentucky Six Twist	@40c

Chicago Market.

The provision market is very firm for all articles, but buyers and sellers are apart. Mess is inquired for at $17 25@17 50, with sales of country-packed at quotations, and of city-packed at $17 15@18. Bulk meats are firm and active at 7¾c for sides; 8¼@8¾c for hams, and 5½@5¾c for shoulders.

Boxed meats are firmly held at 7¼@7¾c for Cumberlands; 8½@8¾c for short-ribbed; 9¼@9¾c for short clear, and 9¼c for long-cut hams. Prime mess pork is firm at $14@15. Green meats are firm at 8¼c for hams, and 5½@5¾c for shoulders.

Lard is more active and very firm at 11¾@11¾c for prime country and city-rendered; No. 1 lard, 11@11¼c.

Grease—We quote white at 9¾c, and yellow at 9¼c for yellow.

Live Hogs unchanged, with light receipts, and but little doing. Dressed Hogs 10@12¼c better, and active at $7 for 240@260 pound averages, and $6@7 12½, dividing on 200 pounds, closing firm.

Cattle unchanged and quiet for want of stock.

Flour held firm, but market quiet, at $5 25@5 50 for Spring extras.

Wheat is quiet at $1 18@1 19½ for No. 1, and $1 11@1 12 for No. 2 Spring.

Corn is quiet and firm at 95@95¼c for No. 1, and 93¾@94c for No. 2, in store. New Corn is 80@81c.

Oats are steady at 65@65¼c for No. 1, in store. Rye is steady at $1 05½@1 06.

Barley is less active and irregular, with light sales at $1 22@1 25 for No. 2, in store.

High tides opened buoyant and excited, and 1@2c higher, with sales of 1,200 bbls at 81@82c, closing firm. Barley Malt is $1 60.

New York Petroleum Market—Important to Dealers.

Petroleum arrives very sparingly, the receipts for the week being but 5,009 bbls against 5,002 bbls reported, leaving only the stock in store to supply the wants of the consumptive trade and speculators; still the market has been apparently languid and depressed, though no good reason could be assigned for it unless the construction which the majority of the trade placed on the report presented to Congress by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. But this has been cleared up by the following communication:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14th, 1863.

SIR—Your letter of the 11th inst., addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office.

In reply, I have to say that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in his late report to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommends a duty of ten cents per gallon (with no provision for drawback) on Crude Petroleum, and that the duty on Refined Petroleum be abrogated.

Very respectfully,
JOS. J. LEWIS, Commissioner.

C. J. Turner, Esq., Broker, 118 Water st., N. Y.

The demand is more active on speculative account to-day, and the market is decidedly firmer; sales of some 5,500 bbls Crude at 32@33c, closing at the latter rate, and 35c offered for January delivery, buyer's option. Refined is also firmer, with sales of Straw-Colored at 45c, and 46½c for prime Refined in bond on the spot; and 500 bbls for January delivery at 43c, buyer's option, which prices are low compared with those of Crude. Refined free prime is selling at 53@55c, and do Straw colored at 50@51c.

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21, 1863.

The arrivals and sales of Beef Cattle are moderate this week, reaching about 2,400 head; the market is dull but prices are without any material change. 1st quality Western and Pennsylvania Steers are selling at from 10¼@11c: a few choice Cattle sold at 11½@12c; 21 do at 9½@10c, and common at 7@8c ₱ lb, according to quality. The market closed very dull, and sales were reported at the close at rather lower prices than the above.

Cows.—About 140 head sold at the Avenue Drove Yard at from $18 up to $45 ₱ head.

Sheep are in demand, with sales of 3,000 head at from 4½@5¼c ₱ lb, gross.

Hogs—The market is firm: about 3,000 head sold at the different yards at from $7,50 up to $9 the 100 lbs net.

The Cattle on sale to-day are from the following States:

900 head from Pennsylvania.
650 head from Illinois.
880 head from Ohio.

Cows—The arrivals and sales at Phillips' Avenue Drove Yard reach about 140 head this week; there is a fair demand and prices remain about the same as last quoted. Springers are selling at from $18@35, and cow and calf at from $25 up to $45 ₱ head; old poor cows are selling at from $14@15 ₱ head.

THE SHEEP MARKET.

The arrivals and sales of Sheep at Phillips' Avenue Drove Yard are small this week, only reaching about 3,000 head. The market is firm and prices rather better, ranging at from 4½c up to 5¼c ₱ lb, gross, as to condition. Lambs are selling at from $2,50@4 ₱ head.

THE HOG MARKET.

The market is firm, and prices are well maintained: 3,650 head sold at the Union Avenue and Rising Sun Drove Yards at from $7,50@9,00 the 100 lbs net.

2,140 head sold at Henry Glass' Union Drove Yard at from $7,50@8,75 the 100 lbs net.

1,180 sold at the Avenue Drove Yard at from $8@9 the 100 lbs net.

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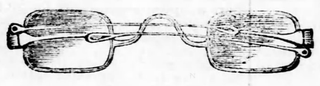
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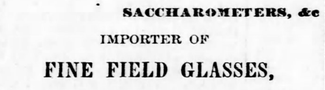
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